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ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOUNCES GUILTY VERDICTS AGAINST BURGLARS WHO TARGETED ELDERLY

DENVER—The [Colorado Attorney General's Office](#) today announced that Erik Burt (D.O.B. 01/24/84) and Javon Ristick (D.O.B. 05/31/85) pled guilty to burglarizing the homes of Colorado's senior citizens and were both sentenced to serve eight-years each with the Department of Corrections. In October 2011, [an indictment was announced against Burt and Ristick](#), self-proclaimed gypsies who stole tens of thousands of dollars in cash and belongings from 10 senior-citizen victims along the Front Range. Both also agreed to pay \$52,100 each in restitution.

According to the 13-count indictment filed in Jefferson County District Court, Ristick and Burt entered the homes of elderly Coloradans in Arvada, Colorado Springs, Denver, Golden, Lincoln County, Lakewood and Strasburg by acting like neighbors or relatives of the victims and asking to use their bathrooms. Ristick is suspected of distracting the victims through conversation while Burt found and stole cash, jewelry, collector coins and other items.

The Office of the Attorney General investigated and obtained the indictment for Ristick and Burt with the assistance of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, the Adams County Sheriff's Office, the Arvada Police Department, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, the Lakewood Police Department, the Limon Police Department, the Denver Police Department, the Denver District Attorney's Office and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. Janet Drake of the Attorney General's Office prosecuted the case as a special deputy district attorney for the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office.

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